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Superintendent's Message

Colonel James F. Keathley



I am extremely honored and humbled to be selected by Governor Matt Blunt to lead this great agency. For 75 years, the Missouri State Highway Patrol has served and protected the citizens of Missouri. I pledge this continued commitment during my tenure as superintendent. I promise all Patrol employees I will work diligently to continue to make this organization an agency that is progressive, accountable, trusted, and respected.

The cornerstone of the Patrol's enforcement efforts has always been and will continue to be traffic safety and enforcement. Our four strategic issues are: traffic safety, crimes against persons and property, homeland security, and department management. Every Patrol employee contributes to at least one of these strategies during each work day. I sincerely appreciate the ongoing efforts of all Patrol employees to work in unison to make the Missouri State Highway Patrol the premier state law enforcement agency in the country.

In the coming weeks, I will present a more detailed plan for moving the Patrol forward. It is an honor to be selected to lead this agency into the next 75 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James F. Keathley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Tpr. Clay D. Moeller (left) earned the Academic Award for the 85th Recruit Class. Col. Roger D. Stottlemyre congratulated him.

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Tpr. Adam S. Rice (left) accepts the Firearms Award from Col. Roger D. Stottlemyre. (inset) Col. Roger D. Stottlemyre awarded the Superintendent's Award to Tpr. Daniel J. Johnson.

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre

19th Superintendent

Retires

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre celebrated his 32 years of service with family, friends, and colleagues at a retirement party on Thursday, August 31, 2006, in the Academy gymnasium. DPS Director Mark James served as emcee, introducing a number of speakers.

Col. Stottlemyre's children, grandchildren, sisters, in-laws, nephews, and parents were present for the occasion. His children, Todd, Troy, and Tonya, presented a set of the license plates and collar brass he'd been assigned throughout his career.

"Today is a great day for our family and our father," said Tonya. "The Patrol has been a significant part of our lives. We were never anything but proud and honored to say our dad was a member of the Missouri State Highway Patrol."

Others expressed their sincere appreciation to the colonel as well. Some used the opportunity to wish him well; others teased him.

Director James showed the crowd a page from the colonel's personnel file. Next to IQ was the number 16. (However, he didn't point out the next column on the same page indicated only 16 points were possible on the IQ evaluation.) With comfortable camaraderie, Director James shared evaluations describing the colonel as having "perseverance of bull dog quality" and told him, "I've enjoyed our friendship. You've been a great ally and a great colleague."

Senator Carl Vogel congratulated Col. Stottlemyre with a resolution from the Missouri State Senate, followed by Representative Charlie Denison, who presented



a resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives. Both commended the colonel for his service and integrity. Representatives from the U.S. Secret Service, FBI, Kansas State Patrol, and U.S. Marshal's Office all expressed their appreciation for the support received during Col. Stottlemyre's tenure. Others came from state agencies, city and county law enforcement organizations, and the Missouri State High School Activities Association.

Sheriff Jim Wells, Pike County, spoke from the heart, "Rural law enforcement couldn't operate without the Patrol. I want to thank you, colonel, for everything you've done for me and the people of Pike County." He then presented a gift to Mrs. Connie Stottlemyre, acknowledging the support and wisdom she's shared with her husband during his career.

After some ribbing from Lt. James Ripley, Troop A, and a heartfelt message from his dad, Mr. Robert Stottlemyre, Col. Stottlemyre spoke for a few minutes.

"I'm very appreciative of everyone in attendance today. I can't thank you enough for the gifts and kind remarks," said Col. Stottlemyre. He thanked his wife, who's been the "strongest supporter I've had and kept me grounded", his family, and his staff, "they believed (as I) that it's not about us, it's about the people we serve."

Lieutenant Colonel William K. Seibert Jr. presented the "retirement" photo to the colonel after saluting him one last time. "This man is truly my friend, my mentor. He's challenged me and I truly appreciate it."



Sheriff Jim Wells, Pike County, brought best wishes to the colonel and a gift for his wife, Connie. (Also pictured at far right is DPS Director Mark James.)

Mr. Rick Kindhart (far right) spoke on behalf of the Missouri State High School Activities Association. The organization presented a special collage, to the colonel.



—STOTTLEMYRE

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A special video presentation showed the colonel growing up, throughout his career, and during some of the tough times in 2005, when four of our families lost a trooper in the line of duty. Afterward, the Stottlemyre family and guests enjoyed food by Lake of the Ozarks Hy-Vee while sharing memories and good wishes.

"There are approximately 2,200 employees at the Missouri State Highway Patrol," said Col. Stottlemyre. "... no finer people anywhere. The citizens of Missouri have been well served over the last 75 years. I'm certain they will continue to be served for the next 75. I'm honored to have been a part of it. Thank you very much."



The Stottlemyre family watches as the colonel speaks during his retirement celebration.

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre

"A lot of people have influenced me. My parents, for example. They helped build my work ethic and character. Being a Marine built character, also. I feel that my experience in Vietnam gave me a better perspective of life in general. I have the ability to see things in a different light than if I had not had those experiences. My wife and our family has influenced who I am. They have always been very supportive. My first FTO, Sgt. Ed Lane comes to mind. I had no prior police experience. He was a hard worker and showed me the ropes."

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre is the son of Robert and Donna Stottlemyre of Unionville, MO. He graduated from Union High School in 1967. He attended the university of Missouri-Columbia before joining the Marine Corps in 1968. He served as an infantryman during the Vietnam War and earned the Purple Heart. Col. Stottlemyre was walking point during an operation of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. He stepped on a booby trap—a vine attached to a grenade. Shrapnel hit both of his hands, his arms, his right leg, and his back that day in March 1969. The colonel recovered from his injuries and went back to active duty until his enlistment ended. It was during his recuperation time he

married his wife, Connie. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

Col. Stottlemyre was appointed to the Patrol on September 1, 1974, as a member of the 43rd Recruit Class.

"The first thing I remember is we had the first females in our class. Our class was breaking new ground, but I don't think it meant anything to us at the time. We were all facing the same rigors. The two ladies were working beside us out there.

As far as instructors, "Retired Captain Paul Corbin comes to mind. He was our PT instructor. We ran with him. He had a Marine background also, and made me think of Marines I'd been with in training previously.

Retired Captain Roy Bergman is another. He amazed me with his shooting ability ... still does. He's as good a shot as I'd ever been around. He was also a good teacher. I had shooting experience, and I still learned a lot from him."

After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy in Jefferson City, Col. Stottlemyre was assigned to Troop H, Zone 1, Tarkio.



Colonel Roger D. and Mrs. Connie Stottlemyre smile on "retirement day" for the colonel.

"I remember the excitement of graduating, I was anxious to get started. My wife and two sons were there. It was a really big day in our life. I remember feeling a little apprehensive, because I had no previous law enforcement experience. It doesn't seem like it should be 32 years ago.

I enjoyed working the road. I liked the excitement of the job. You didn't know what was coming next."

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—STOTTLEMYRE

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In May 1986, he was promoted to corporal and designated assistant zone commander of that same zone. In September 1988, he became the zone commander of Troop H, Zone 9, Chillicothe. In 1989, Stottlemire was named zone commander of Troop H, Zone 1, Tarkio.

"The zone commander is the first leadership opportunity in the organization. You have the responsibility of supervising officers. Zone sergeant is the most critical position we have in our agency as I see it."

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1992, and transferred to Troop C, St. Louis.

"When Fred Mills called and asked me if I was ready to go to St. Louis as a lieutenant, my wife and I were in shock. We talked about it that night and I called him the next day. I told him I'd signed a paper saying I'd go anywhere in the state of Missouri. If St. Louis was where they needed me, I'd go. You used to have to do that—sign a paper saying you'd live anywhere.

Our people, no matter where you go, are Patrol folks. In St. Louis, we got to do things like take in a St. Louis Cardinals game or go to the theater. Living in the city was new for us and we took advantage of it. Being a lieutenant in Troop C was so much different than anything else I'd done on the Patrol up to that time.

I learned so much more about the administrative side of the Patrol. Troop C has more employees than any other area of the state. As a lieutenant, I supervised the SERT. It was my first experience with SERT. My military background helped out with that, and we had outstanding people who knew their jobs and trained hard. I enjoyed that responsibility."

In 1995, he was promoted to captain and named troop commander of Troop D, Springfield.

"The people in Southwest Missouri are so friendly, we felt at home from Day 1 down there. Becoming a troop commander ... it hits you that you have responsibilities for the 18 county area and all the people. Seems a little unnerving at first when you think of it. But, speaking about responsibility, I found you have to let people do their jobs, and we have great people who take on responsibility and do their jobs well. Trust your people to do what they can do and allow them to do it. We hire outstanding people throughout the agency. I think people come to work for the Patrol because they have a desire to serve ... and that's what the Patrol is about.

The hardest part about being a commanding officer is that you start getting involved in the disciplinary issues. Those things take away from the fun parts of the job. But, that's part of protecting the Patrol and what it stands for. You can't take that responsibility lightly."



Mr. Robert Stottlemire praised the Patrol and offered his best wishes to his son before sharing this hug with him.

He was promoted to major in May 1998, and designated commander of the Administrative Services Bureau. Later that summer, he transferred to the Field Operations Bureau as commander.

"Colonel Wilhoit asked me if I was ready to move to Jefferson City. He said he had a major's opening and would like for me to come up. By that time, it was easier to move, because we no longer had kids at home. Connie has always had to change jobs, and that time was no different. She's sacrificed and been supportive in every way, in order for me to move up in my career.

Being a troop commander helped tremendously regarding Field Operations

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The Stottlemire children presented their dad with this framed collection of license plates and collar brass in honor of his retirement.

—STOTTMEMYRE

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Bureau. I looked at our roles here as being support to those out there doing the job. I tried to do that, not just as a major, but also as superintendent," said Col. Stottlemeyre.

On June 1, 2001, he was promoted to colonel and became the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

As superintendent, Col. Stottlemeyre worked hard to improve technology, funding, and members' salaries. He and his staff worked diligently and with public support were able to lift a cap on the Patrol's highway funding, which would have "slowly strangled the Patrol". Under his leadership, legislators and the public became aware of the need for pay increases in order to retain the Patrol's best and brightest members. A "parity bill" was passed, requiring the superintendent to review parity with St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and Kansas City police departments regularly. This was the first step in making compensation comparable to Missouri's other large agencies.

"We had tremendous support from both governors I've worked for. Legislators were very supportive, and MOSTA worked very hard to achieve this goal."

Technology continued to improve during Colonel Stottlemeyre's tenure. Computers are now in each road officer's vehicle, enabling them to retrieve information and run checks. Video cameras are in some patrol cars with new ones being added. Also, safety features offered by Ford have been added to patrol cars.

"I feel honored to have had the opportunity to lead this organization," said Col. Stottlemeyre. "I believe the Missouri State Highway Patrol is the shining star in state government. In a year when we're celebrating our 75th anniversary of service and protection to the citizens of this state, I want to thank Governor Blunt for the opportunity to serve as superintendent. I know the Patrol will continue providing service and protection in an exemplary fashion."

Col. Stottlemeyre also remembers the six officers who have died in the line of duty during his tenure as superintendent. "The deaths of Tpr. Kelly L. Poynter, Tpr. Michael L. Newton, Sgt. C. Dewayne Graham Jr., Tpr. Ralph C. Tatoian, Cpl. Jay Sampietro Jr., and Tpr. D. Kevin Floyd were difficult times for me as superintendent of the Patrol. I cannot explain the depth of feeling ... of respect I have for these families."

Four of these officers were killed by drivers who weren't paying attention to the job of driving. I hope the 'Move Over' law will help prevent such tragedies on Missouri's roadways. I thank all of those who worked so hard to get this law passed. I feel the 'Move Over' law is one of the most important accomplishments of this administration."

Thursday, August 31, 2006, a retirement celebration was held in the Academy gymnasium.

"I would have been fine with quietly slipping out the door. But my wife told me I had to [have a coffee] ... Charlene did, too. I can't win against them."

I do have mixed feelings. But, it's time. I get to leave on my terms ... when I'm feeling good about what we accomplished."

There won't be a vacation for the colonel. After 32 years of service to the Patrol, he retires Thursday, August 31, 2006, only to wake up the next morning to a new position. He'll begin working for the Missouri Gaming Commission on Friday, September 1. His new title will be deputy director (of enforcement).

"There will be a big learning curve in my next position. It will be a lot different, and I look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead. The position will allow me to be involved with some of the troopers ... It's not a cold turkey break."



Birth Announcements

Megan Breanna

Mr. Mark and Traffic Safety Analyst
II Mandy Kliethermes
Q/TFD

Gage Allen

Tpr. Greg A. and Lisa M. Weddle
Troop I

Cooper Grant

Tpr. Justin S. and Wendy L. Johnson
Troop H

Sofia G.

Tpr. Russell R. and Amanda S. Gibson
Troop C

Avery Coryn

Sgt. Corey J. and Carey D.
Schoeneberg
Troop F

Ashlyn Paige

Tpr. Mark D. and Kristen
M. Degraffenreid
Troop A

Holly Ann

Tpr. Mory C. and Alicia A. McKnight
Troop D

Nolan Robert

Mr. Mike H. and AFIS Entry Oper. II
Jackie L. Gartner
Q/CRID

Anna Grace

Cpl. Neil K. and Lindy Ann Johnson
Troop A

Porter Robert

Mr. Kurt and CIT III Tonya M. Schaben
Q/ISD

Dreden Lee

DE III Daniel L. and Lindsey M. Boyd
Troop D

Wyatt Louis

Mr. Shane C. and Tpr. Amanda F.
Newbrough
Troop B

Kallen James

Cpl. Lonnie J. and Jodi M. Keathley
Troop C

Jackson Douglas

Tpr. Doug E. and Kristina J. Siegfried
Troop B

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Jeffery S. Baird
Corporal
Troop D



Anthony C. Piercy
Corporal
Troop F



Todd L. Robitsch
Chief
Troop E



Laverne L. Baker
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Doris A. Boes
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Deidra N. Borgmeyer
Clerk II
Q/TFD



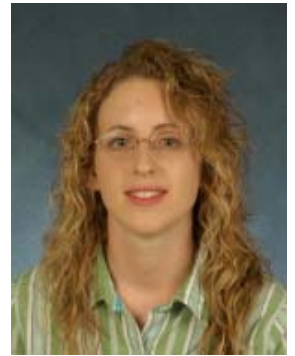
Rickey J. Burnett
CVO Sprv. I
Troop E



Rodney E. Davis
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Leigh A. Falter
Fiscal and Budg.
Analyst I
Q/MED



Maria F. Fooks
Clerk II
Q/TFD



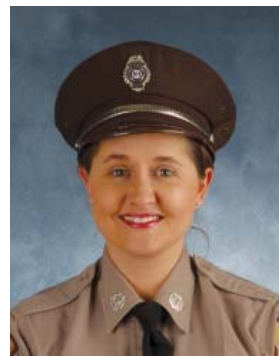
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Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Dena R. Geist
Chief DE
Troop F



Randy W. Grant
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II
Troop E



Tammy K. Harris
DE Sprv.
Troop E



Linda J. Hart
Quality Control Clerk II
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DE III
Troop F



Michelle L. Hoskins
Quality Control Clerk I
Q/TFD



Yvette R. Ivie
DE I
Troop D



Theresa L. Kampeter
Clerk II
Q/TFD



Virgie M. King
Quality Control Clerk II
Q/TFD



Ashley B. Kloeppel
Clerk II
Q/TFD



Wendy L. Kost
CIAII
Q/DDCC



Sherry T. Lewis
DE I
Troop F



Judy R. Morrison
Lab. Rec. & Evid. Clerk I
Q/CLD



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Q/CRID



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Troop F



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MVIlll
Troop A



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Stottlemyre Joins Troop D For Cardinals Game

By Troop D

Captain Randy Beydler and the rest of Troop D's staff welcomed Colonel Roger D. Stottlemyre and his wife, Connie, to a gathering at headquarters on August 16, 2006. Employees, past and present, assembled in the meeting room of Troop D to celebrate and recognize the colonel for his service and dedication—not only to the Patrol, but to Troop D, where he was troop commander from 1995-1998.

During the reception, Col. Stottlemyre was presented with an authentic Springfield Cardinals baseball jersey complete with his name and the number one displayed prominently on the back. Afterward, Roger and Connie

Col. Roger D. Stottlemyre was honored to throw the first pitch at a Springfield Cardinals baseball game in August 2006.

joined Troop D employees at a Springfield Cardinals game where the colonel was honored with throwing in the first pitch. (Arguably, the pitch was low and outside.)

Also in attendance was the Troop D Honor Guard, which presented the colors during opening ceremonies of the game. All in all, it was a fun evening for Patrol employees and their families.



The Cardinals lost the game—in 11 innings—to the Midland Rockhounds.

Capt. Beydler, the staff, and employees of Troop D wish the best to the retiring colonel and his wife on their new adventure, and desire nothing but good fortune for their future.



FRIENDS, FAMILY, COWORKERS Bid FAREWELL ~

LT. COLONEL SEIBERT RETIRES

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

A room full of coworkers, friends, and family joined Lt. Colonel William K. Seibert Jr. on August 25, 2006, to celebrate his upcoming retirement. Then-Major Richard L. Coffey served as emcee, and provided an overview of Lt. Col. Seibert's career ... with a bit of good natured teasing. But, after the teasing, heartfelt appreciation shined through.

"Bill keeps his priorities firmly planted," said then-Major Coffey. "His belief in God is first and his family is second. His philosophy is to remember what's important in life and to always try to make the right decisions for the right reasons."

Before presenting Lt. Col. Seibert with his retirement certificate, Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire expressed his appreciation. "We started out as new lieutenants in Troop C ... developed a friendship that's carried through. You've always been there, through good times and tough times," said Col. Stottlemire. "Having someone like Bill around kept me going when things were tough. I knew Bill's advice would be sound. It doesn't seem like enough, but all I know to say is, 'Thanks.' You've been a great friend. I know our friendship will carry on. We wish you as many years in retirement as you've had on the Patrol."

Numerous presentations were made by representatives from within the Patrol and from other law enforcement agencies. As each gift or story was shared, it was evident Lt. Col. Seibert

had touched many lives throughout his 29 years with the Patrol.

"I've never met anyone with such a steadying influence ... with the integrity and character of Bill Seibert," said Deputy Chief Roy J. Joachimstaler, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

Lt. Col. Seibert took a moment to address those present, thanking them for attending the celebration and for

being part of his "blessed and wonderful career". "It is my honor to have served you and to have worked with you," he said. "I thank everybody for your support. You have each helped me in your special way. I hope we all keep in touch. If you need something, call me."



Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire presents a retirement certificate to Lt. Colonel William K. Seibert Jr.

Lt. Colonel William K. Seibert Jr.

William K. "Bill" Seibert Jr. was born in England, while his dad was stationed there with the U.S. Air Force. Bill attended grade school and junior high school in Washington, D.C. He spent one year in Rolla, MO, before moving there permanently in 1978.

While he was attending Columbia College, he went to Kansas City with some friends. On that trip, he met his future wife, Rachelle. She was home that weekend from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. Bill said they started dating long distance. The Seiberts were married September 4, 1976, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Kansas City, MO. Bill and Rachelle have three sons and a grandson. Adrian lives in Ballwin, MO, and works for UPS. Aaron lives in Jefferson City, and is employed by Von Hoffman Press. Andre attends Truman University and is majoring in psychology. Their grandson, Kenneth, will turn four in October 2006.

Bill attended Columbia College from 1972 to 1975. Although he didn't graduate at that time, he has returned to complete his degree. He's back in school in 2006. His bachelor's degree will be in interdisciplinary studies with a minor in business.

As a young man, his contact with the Patrol was through the children of the department's employees, who attended the same school.

"I played baseball in sixth grade with Ron Walker. His dad, retired Capt. Larry Walker, coached. A lot of the kids' fathers were troopers. I graduated with Jim Englehart's daughter. I went to school with Jack Water's son, Tom Pasley's son, and Radio Operator Kearsse's sons, too. I was kinda surrounded by it.

My first contact with troopers was what got me interested in the Patrol. One night, about 1 or 2 a.m., I got stopped for speeding. I was affected by how he treated me, a young, black man. It was the early '70s after all. He was so professional. He called me *sir*. The way he treated me really made an impres-



Lt. Col. Bill Seibert Jr. and his wife, Rachelle, listen during his retirement celebration.

sion. I got interested in the Patrol. It looked like an organization to be with.

I entered the Academy March 1, 1977. I was 22 years old and I remember that day. I wondered what I'd gotten into. I was scared, but bound and determined to make it. It was tough. There used to be professors from Central Missouri State University involved. Dr. Patterson and Dr. Jakewith, for example. My writing skills were very poor, and Dr. Patterson helped me a lot.

I was in a diverse class. We had 11 blacks, four Hispanics, one Indian, and one female. Majors Lacy, McKay, and Coffey were all in that class with me. Over all, it was challenging. I had to spend a lot of time studying. I've always heard the 46th Recruit Class was nicknamed "the worst class in the history of the Patrol". The class never really came together. There were a lot of strong personalities.

Trooper Bill Seibert graduated July 29, 1977. "What I remember most about graduation was

that my grandfather was there."

His first assignment was Troop F, Zone 3, Boone County.

"Bill Smith was my zone sergeant. He was very strong and fair. Ted Boehm was my field training officer. Their leadership was a real stamp on my career. I have to give them a lot of credit. Columbia is a pretty good size city, but Boone County is pretty rural. I remember doing a lot of herding of horses and cows off the highway. Here I am not knowing much about horses and cows.

I hated working fatality accidents and making death notifications. Nothing tears at your heart like standing in someone's door at 2

or 3 a.m. telling them a loved one died. You never know what their reaction's going to be. Some become hysterical. Some thank you. One lady grabbed me, was actually hurting me. Ninety percent of the time, you have to make those notifications by yourself. Those stay with you."

Bill was promoted to corporal on July 1, 1987, and designated assistant zone commander of Zone 10, Boone County. He became a sergeant and zone commander of the same zone on June 1, 1989.



Lt. Col. Bill Seibert's grandson, Kenneth, was happy to accept a gift for his grandpa from MCSAP.

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—Seibert

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October 1, 1991, Bill was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Troop C.

“Becoming a lieutenant was a move into management. I was young, 14 1/2 years on the Patrol. I was pleasantly surprised by Troop C. It was big, with a lot of population and a whole lot of activity. Things go on all the time. There was never a dull moment. Troop C was a really good troop; had a lot of good people. Roger [Stottlemyre], Paul [Parmenter], and I all arrived within a month as lieutenants. All of us were new at it and learned together. We became very good friends. I really enjoyed that time. We were exposed to metropolitan and rural areas of Troop C — the best of both worlds. You got to meet other very professional law enforcement agencies in the area.”

Bill was promoted to captain and designated commanding officer of Troop C on September 1, 1994.

“Being troop commander is a lot of responsibility. You have to be able to coordinate a lot of activity. You must depend on the sergeants and lieutenants a lot. You can’t run a troop by yourself. I really enjoyed it. There were some really good sergeants who took care of business and weren’t afraid to come in and talk to me about things. I appreciated that.

There’s a large civilian force there. They, especially the ladies, taught me a lot about how to treat people. There is so much available in the Troop C area. You’re exposed to a lot of things, plays, sports, etc. My wife and I attended Fox Theater several times.

In 1997, Colonel [Weldon L.] Wilhoit called. He was pretty classy. He knew my wife wanted our boys in Catholic school. My youngest was still in high school, so he mentioned Helias and brought up the positives of moving here. I was promoted to major October 1, 1997.

I learned more as a major than any other position of the Patrol. I’d been in enforcement and Col. Wilhoit put me in the Technical Services Bureau. It exposed me to more that I didn’t know. I got involved with professional technical associations, CJIS, with the FBI, and SEARCH. I learned just how important technology is to an agency like the Patrol.”



The Siebert family surrounds the lieutenant colonel. Pictured are: Mrs. Sherry Woodruff (aunt), Mrs. Rachele Seibert (wife); Lt. Col. Bill Seibert Jr., Mrs. Anna Seibert (mom); Kenneth Seibert (grandson); (back row) Mr. Aaron Seibert, Mr. Adrian Seibert, and Mr. Andre Seibert (sons).

On September 1, 2001, Bill was named assistant superintendent of the Patrol and promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

“Roger and I share a tremendous amount of respect, which grew in the years of knowing each other ... Being lieutenant colonel, you’re responsible for the daily operations and have more exposure to people in the agency. It lets you see how good the people are. You can’t micromanage, but need a global perspective. You get a good view of how good your people are. The agency does a great job of accepting responsibility, of being accountable. It does a great job doing what they are supposed to be doing.”

Bill has the distinction of being the first African-American major and the first lieutenant colonel.

“I’m proud of the accomplishments, but at the same time, I realize there are a lot of people supporting me. I couldn’t have done it without others. I’ll be proud to bring my grandchildren to the museum. It has truly been my honor to

serve the citizens of Missouri. We need to never forget who we work for. When you reach this level, you work for every employee. The colonel [Stottlemyre] and I had a motto, ‘Never underestimate the intelligence of your workforce.’”

Bill retired September 1, 2006, after 29 years of dedicated service. He will begin working for the Board of Probation and Parole effective that same date. When he isn’t working, Bill will finish his college degree and work around the house. [“I like doing that.”] He also collects portraits from the 9th and 10th Cavalry, a Civil War unit comprised of black soldiers.

“Bill’s professionalism and knowledge of the Patrol added much to my tenure as superintendent,” said Col. Stottlemyre. “I appreciate the support he’s given me during the last five years. Bill has had an outstanding career. He has brought much to this agency during his 29 1/2 years, and will continue serving the state of Missouri in his new position with the Board of Probation and Parole.”

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Clerk Typist II Amanda J. Perkins



Appointed: May 5, 2005.

First & Current Assignment: Troop G, Willow Springs.

Family: Amanda is married to Matthew D. Perkins. Matt is in his third year of teaching secondary education and coaching in the Willow Springs R-IV school system. Her father is Chief Robert "Lou" Wehmer, Troop G.

Interests: Amanda's chief interest and hobby is scrapbooking. Amanda is also a writer. Amanda writes a weekly column for the Rotary Program and its meeting's activities, which is published in the Howell County News in Willow Springs.

Amanda attended college at both Ozarks Christian College in Joplin, MO, and Missouri State University in West Plains. She is just a few hours shy of her professional writing degree, and is working toward that goal.

Amanda and Matt attend Pomona Christian Church.

Amanda was recently featured in a news article in the Howell County News when she came to the aide of her elderly neighbor who discovered a diamondback rattlesnake nearly four feet in length. Between Amanda, her husband, and friends, they were able to capture it and send it to the big snake resting place in the sky. Normally protected by conservation laws, the snake was euthenized, because it was in such a heavily populated area and almost bit the neighbor.

Amanda is a welcomed addition to the Troop G family. Her skills and personality are greatly appreciated!

Probationary Radio Personnel Eric W. Presser



Appointed: September 4, 2005.

First Assignment: Troop E, Poplar Bluff.

Current Assignment: Troop G, Willow Springs.

Interests: Fishing and playing bass guitar and drums at home with friends and in church. Spending time with family and friends.

Eric grew up in Willow Springs, graduating in 2001 from Willow Springs High School. Upon completion of his mandated 12 years of school, Eric attended classes at Southwest Missouri State University, now known as Missouri State University, in Springfield. He earned his associate's degree in computer technologies.

After graduating, he heard about and applied for a position with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Communications Division and was appointed to a position in Troop E. Wanting to be a little closer to home, he applied for and received a transfer to Troop G, Willow Springs, in 2006.

Eric met and married Katherine Anderson of West Plains in July 2006. They reside in Willow Springs where they share quality time with family and friends and attend First General Baptist Church. Katherine is attending school at Drury University in Springfield.

Eric is a welcome addition to the Troop G radio room where his knowledge in computers and his personable nature will serve us all well.



Otto—The Talking Car is quite a celebrity at the Missouri State Fair each year. Here, the 2006 Missouri State Fair Queen Tyne Morgan, from Lexington, MO, came by to visit.

MISSOURI GIRLS STATE ATTENDEES IMPRESS

By Intern Katherine A. Lacy, Troop F

On Sunday, June 24, 2006, Sergeant Paul J. Reinsch and Corporal Dorothy E. Taylor reported to Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO, for the 65th Assembly of Missouri Girls State. Sgt. Reinsch and Cpl. Taylor supervised the Missouri Girls State Highway Patrol, which consisted of 42 girls selected by their cities and superintendent Terry Wood who was selected by last year's governor to preside over this year's troopers.

This year, 758 high school seniors attended Missouri Girls State, all sponsored by their local American Legion Chapters. After arriving at CMSU, the girls were assigned to one of 21 fictional counties and then divided into cities. During the week, elections were held on city, county, and state levels, ending with the election of the new governor, who will preside over next year's assembly. Every year, guest speakers are invited to address the group. This year's speakers included: State Auditor Claire McCaskill, former Governor Bob Holden, Director Tom Reiss (Boards and Commissions), Senator Jack Goodman, former Representative Jason Klumb, and Think First representative Penny Bailey.

In addition to overseeing the patrol, Sgt. Reinsch and Cpl. Taylor taught a daily law enforcement class to a record 244 girls—who chose it over other class offerings. Trooper Mindy Gordon, Troop A, spoke to the class about women on the Patrol. She also brought a video of her Academy class to share with the ladies. Also from Troop A were SERT team members Cpl. Chad Flanigan, Cpl. Andy Coats, Cpl. J.D. Spire, Tpr. Bret Brooks, and Tpr. Bill Oliver, who demonstrated sniper and entry techniques. Trooper Bill Oliver brought his K-9 partner, Yeri, who recovered a briefcase containing “drugs” from under an unoccupied front row seat. Other topics covered during the week were: personal safety, search and seizure with guest speaker Ted Bruce from the Attorney General's Office, date rape drugs, and methamphetamine. On Friday, June 30, Sgt. Reinsch



Tpr. Mindy Gordon speaks with a Girls State attendee.

and Cpl. Taylor spoke to all of the girls on the subject of driver's safety, and showed the “It's My Life” video.

“Of all the years Cpl. Taylor and I have worked with Girls State, this

year's attendees were the most respectful and cooperative,” said Sgt. Reinsch. “The Patrol looks forward to being involved with Missouri Girl's State for many years to come.”

Gov. Blunt Honors Tpr. Matthew Keeney

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

Governor Matt Blunt named Trooper Matthew Keeney state employee of the month for May 2006. Gov. Blunt praised Tpr. Keeney, who answered a call for assistance while off-duty and saved the lives of six adults and three children. The incident took place on November 15, 2005, after seven and one-half inches of rain fell in Bollinger County in a short period of time. This caused a flash flood of the Castor River Campground on Missouri Highway 34. Sheriff Terry Wiseman requested assistance from Tpr. Keeney. Although off-duty, Tpr. Keeney responded with his personal boat. He proved very adept at negotiating the flash flood, and rescued nine people.

The ceremony honoring Tpr. Keeney took place in Gov. Blunt's office on July 12. Congratulations, Tpr. Keeney!



Gov. Matt Blunt praises Tpr. Matthew Keeney during a special ceremony in the governor's office. With Tpr. Keeney are: (l to r) his wife, Shelley, his parents, Mrs. Janet and Mr. Bo Keeney, his in-laws, Mrs. Phyllis and Mr. Bill White, and Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire, then superintendent of the Patrol.

Our Keepers



Our thanks to Sergeant Howard A. Sardis for sharing these photos from his deployment. We're pleased that he returned home safely in 2005, and is back to work in the Patrol's Gaming Division. For his exemplary service at the Baghdad Public Service Academy in Iraq, the U.S. Army awarded Sgt. Sardis a Bronze Star.

"During the last month of my deployment, I was assigned to Abu Ghraib to coordinate efforts in Fallujah, Iraq, during Operation Enforcer Fury. My tenure in the theater commenced on February 5, 2004, and continued through January 5, 2005," said Sgt. Sardis, Q/GD.



This photo was taken after three soldiers from an infantry unit at Camp Volunteer died after a roadside bomb attack. He was playing "Amazing Grace" on the saxophone at the memorial service.



Sgt. Howard Sardis served and protected the people of Iraq as a member of the military police. He was assigned to the 89th military police brigade. In this photo, he was at the 231st battalion's area of operations.



This photo shows Sgt. Howard Sardis with an RPG recovered from some insurgents caught near the Baghdad Public Service Academy, the main place where Iraqi police were trained.

October

- October 2 ● Cpl. M.E. Webster died in 1993
- October 6 ● Sgt. R.G. Kimberling died in 1999.
- October 9 ● Columbus Day
- October 14 ● Tpr. J.R. Jinkens died in 1969.
- October 15 ● Class A. Uniform
- October 24 ● Patrol News Aricles Due
- October 27 ● Tpr. W.W. Allman died in 1955.
- October 29 Central Standard Time begins 0200 hours.

Troop Meeting for Members and Civilians:

- October 3 Troop C
- October 4 Troop E
- October 5 Troop G
- October 10 Troop B
- October 11 Troop H
- October 12 Troop A
- October 17 Troop I
- October 18 Troop D
- October 26 Troop F
- October 27 GHQ

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Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.

~Mark Twain

Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

35 years ago

September 1971 — A photo showed six new motorcycles received by the Patrol the previous month. The motorcycles would be used for special details. The photo on the back cover was the first basic police school held at the Patrol's new Law Enforcement Academy.

30 years ago

October 1976 — One story told of the newly created Vehicle and Equipment Evaluation form adopted a couple of months earlier. This form was to be used to evaluate vehicles and equipment in order to determine what specific functions required improvement or change. Respondents rated new electronic sirens, the vehicle engine performance, and leg room, etc.

25 years ago

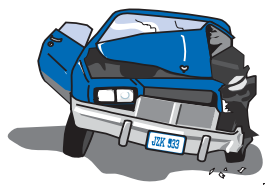
September 1981 — The centerfold story highlighted a special enforcement project throughout the state. The project focused on commercial vehicle safety inspections.

15 years ago

October 1991 — A riot took place at Riverport Amphitheatre in St. Louis County after Axl Rose removed his rock band, Guns 'n' Roses, from the stage. The crowd of 22,000 became out of control, resulting in millions of dollars in damage to the amphitheatre, minor injuries to several officers and concertgoers, and response by local, county, and state law enforcement.

10 years ago

September 1996 — Troop E officers were assigned to a bike patrol in Sikeston, MO. Troop D Satellite Laboratory moved into a new facility. Some 15,000 Rainbow celebrants attended a gathering on national forest land in Oregon County. The Rainbow people claimed the gathering location as their church, the Cathedral of Nature. Locals were told not to attend if they were offended by nudity.



Traffic Fatalities

Year to Date Oct. 19, 2006	Same Period Last Year Year to Date	Number of Increase or Decrease	2004 Traffic Fatalities	2005 Traffic Fatalities
863	1009	-146	1130	1257

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

85TH RECRUIT CLASS GRADUATES

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

"Be proud, but be mindful of the responsibility of this uniform," said Mike Kelly, in his address to the 85th Recruit Class. Kelly, who is known as the voice of the Missouri Tigers, is the nephew of the late retired Lt. Colonel William A. Dolan. In his remarks, Kelly told the class his memories of his uncle and of his respect for the Patrol. In closing, he said, "Thank you for choosing to protect each of us. Thank you for allowing me to share this day with you. God bless you and God bless the Missouri State Highway Patrol."

Graduation ceremonies for the 85th Recruit Class took place in the Academy gymnasium on Friday, July 14, 2006. The Honorable Ronald D. White, 25th Circuit Court, administered the Oath of Office to the new troopers. Rev. James Hamlett, West Side General Baptist Church in St. Ann, MO, gave the invocation and benediction.

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire, then-superintendent of the Patrol, also spoke to the graduating class. "... This graduation is special, too, because it is part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's 75th anniversary year. ... I challenge you to carry the torch into the next 75 years. You've been trained by the best at the Academy ... I encourage you to keep your mind open to learning throughout your career." Col. Stottlemire told the class citizens expect excellence from the Patrol and that we must expect the same from ourselves. "Always remember public safety is a public trust. It must be earned. That will be your responsibility."

"I expect you to be involved in your community; know other law enforcement agencies' officers; be professional at all times. You are never really off duty, because you are always a state trooper in everyone else's eyes."

Col. Stottlemire completed his remarks by reminding the new troopers, "Be aware. Be ready to fight for your life at any time. The most important thing you'll do every day is go home to your family at the end of your shift."



These young ladies cheered for the 85th Recruit Class.



The 85th Recruit Class listens to a speaker.

Colonel Roger D. Stottlemire congratulates newly commissioned Trooper James M. Linegar, who is the son of the late Tpr. Jimmie E. Linegar, who was killed in the line of duty April 15, 1985.





Tpr. Danielle Heil, Troop D, waits to congratulate her husband, newly commissioned Tpr. Chad A. Heil, who is shaking hands with Col. Roger D. Stottlemire.



losely during the graduation ceremony.



☪ *Tpr. Elizabeth A. Lusk signs her Oath of Office.*

Listed below are the names, hometowns, and first assignments for members of the 85th Recruit Class:

Elan B. Adams	Republic, MO	Troop C	Jefferson County
Joseph S. Baughman	Clinton, MO	Troop C	Franklin County
Dustin J. Berry*	Shelbyville, MO	Troop A	Ray/Carroll Counties
Jonathan A. Cluver*	Columbia, MO	Troop I	Phelps/Maries Counties
Jason M. Cross	Blue Springs, MO	Troop H	Harrison/Gentry Counties
Kyle E. Easley*	LaPlata, MO	Troop C	Warren County
Brett W. Emerson	Kennett, MO	Troop E	Dunklin County
Douglas E. Fessenden*	Palmyra, MO	Troop A	Saline County
Andrew D. Gadberry	Mount Sterling, IL	Troop C	Warren County
Joel E. Givens	Kansas City, MO	Troop C	South St. Louis County
Chad A. Heil	Clever, MO	Troop D	Taney County
Todd B. Heintz*	St. Joseph, MO	Troop H	Harrison/Gentry Counties
Chad T. Herron	Mexico, MO	Troop A	Saline County
Daniel J. Johnson*	Neosho, MO	Troop I	Phelps/Maries Counties
Charles W. Leach*	Cameron, MO	Troop C	North St. Louis County
Matthew J. Lewis*	Brookfield, MO	Troop H	Clinton/Caldwell Counties
Wilson S. Lieske*	Columbia, MO	Troop C	St. Charles County
James M. Linegar	Springfield, MO	Troop C	Franklin County
Elizabeth A. Lusk*	West Plains, MO	Troop C	North St. Louis County
Bradley E. Maudlin*	Albany, MO	Troop H	Daviess/DeKalb Counties
Clinton R. Mistler*	Eldon, MO	Troop C	Jefferson County
Clay D. Moeller*	Platte City, MO	Troop A	Ray/Carroll Counties
Steven R. Morrison*	Branson, MO	Troop G	Carter/Reynolds Counties
Michael J. Ori	St. Louis, MO	Troop C	North St. Louis County
Joseph D. Oughton*	Fenton, MO	Troop C	Jefferson County
James D. Patton III*	Portageville, MO	Troop E	Pemiscot/New Madrid Counties
Jason L. Prater*	Pierce City, MO	Troop A	Benton County
Chad D. Primm*	Macon, MO	Troop H	Clinton/Caldwell Counties
Adam S. Rice*	Nixa, MO	Troop H	Holt/Atchison Counties
Matthew L. Rice	Jefferson City, MO	Troop C	Franklin County
Elyse J. Ruckenbrod	St. Louis, MO	Troop C	South St. Louis County
Andrew B. Ward*	Shell Knob, MO	Troop E	Butler/Ripley Counties
Andy G. Warner*	Platte City, MO	Troop A	Benton County

* Denotes those earning associate's degree from Mineral Area College.

Mary Nothum Named All-American

By Lt. Sean B. Moore, Troop C

What is an All-American, and what does it take to be one? In the sports world, earning the coveted status of being an All-American is the pinnacle of a selected group of athletes who have dedicated themselves to being the best of the best. I played collegiate football at Louisiana State University without entertaining the thought of being an All-American. Instead, I focused on working hard in practices to earn playing time ... much of my experience at LSU was cheering for my team from the bench and playing on special teams.

To gain insight of earning this esteemed title, I spoke to my brother, Derland, who was selected as an All-American while playing football at the University of Oklahoma. When I asked him to explain what it meant to be an All-American, he first reflected for a moment and then explained it is not just what you do in a sport, but it is how you live your life. It is a lifestyle of being focused on goals with a determined attitude. It is the culmination of sacrifices, lessons learned, and being totally committed to achieving your goal. For my brother, his goal in football was to be the best of the best. Earning All-American honors in football for him started with improving each time at practice, mastering every technique, and making bone-jarring, knee-buckling hits on whomever had the ball.

On Saturday, June 17, 2006, Mary Nothum, daughter of Corporal Al P. Nothum and his wife, Mary, became one of the best after competing at the Nike Outdoor Nationals Track & Field held at North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, NC. Mary placed sixth in the nationals, and was honored as an All-American. As such, she received a medal and a free pair of Nike shoes. Mary finished the 2,000-meter steeplechase run with a time of 7:25:33. For some, a sixth place finish may seem less than stellar, but this prestigious national race was for the top female high school steeplechase athletes in the United States and *by invitation only*.

Most of the other competitors in her race ran the steeplechase as one of their main events. However, this was only the *second* time Mary had run this race in competition. This was an impressive accomplishment, but not unexpected. Mary had prepared for this opportunity several years before by committing herself to the many long, grueling hours of training to be the best of the best in running, regardless



This photo shows All-American Mary Nothum (foreground) running for Washington High School.

of the type of race. Her coach who helped train her for this event was there at the Nike meet and felt like this was an amazing accomplishment—to end up sixth running against the top girls in the nation.

Mary has run track for many years, but her first competitive experience in the steeplechase run occurred on March 25, 2006. Mitch Figis, Mary's distance coach who trained her to be one of the fastest runners in the Midwest, entered her in the 2,000-meter steeplechase run in one of the largest track meets in St. Louis, the Gateway Invitational at Washington University.

Mary had never run the steeplechase and was excited about the

chance to run the event, which consists of 2,000 meters, jumping over five barricades—one of which has a water hazard that runners must run through after clearing a barricade. Mary found out the steeplechase was the featured event of the race, and that she was going up against the AAU National Champion. Naturally, she was really excited about this. Mary ran the perfect race and passed her competitor 100 meters prior to crossing the finish line.

Mary had a few other great track and field accomplishments at the 2006 Missouri State Track and Field meet held in Jefferson City on May 26 and 27. She qualified to run in four events, the most you can qualify for at the state meet: 1,600 meter, 3,200 meter, 800 meter, and in the 4 x 400 relay. She placed second in the 3,200 meter (11:01), third in the 800 meter (2:15), and second in the 1,600 meter (4:56). She is one of only three girls in the state of Missouri to run an under five minute mile. Mary's Washington High School team placed fourth overall in the girl's 4A standings, due in large part to her high finishes in each of her events. Her mile time at this meet also qualified her to run in the Nike Outdoor Nationals at North Carolina A & T University in Greensboro, NC.

Mary also enjoyed a great 2006 cross-country year. She turned in a second place overall finish at the Missouri State Cross Country Meet in Jefferson City (Class 4). As her senior year came to a close, Mary lost to only one runner during the season in track and cross country.

Mary has received a full scholarship to Division I, Utah Valley State College, in Orem, Utah. She will be running cross-country, indoor track, and outdoor track for the Wolverines. She is excited that she will have a chance to continue to train, run, and improve in the steeplechase event in college. Congratulations to Mary for having the attitude of a champion, choosing a lifestyle of being an All-American, and serving as a role model inspiring younger girls to realize their dreams.

L.E.T.S.A.C. Honors Patrol Sergeant

By Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED

The Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council held their annual conference for 2006 at The Inn at Port Arrowhead in Lake Ozark, MO, on July 10-13, 2006. Each year, the council honors officers as "Traffic Officer of the Year" from four categories for the tremendous accomplishments they had achieved for the previous year. They honor officers from small departments, medium departments, large departments, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The awards were presented at the conference banquet on July 12, 2006.

This year's Patrol recipient was Sergeant Dale O. Jinkens, Troop A. Sgt. Jinkens has been with the Patrol for 12 years. During 2005, he totaled 312 arrests and issued 247 warnings. These totals included:

- 62 DWI Arrests
- 36 Speeding Violations
- 22 Seat Belt Violations
- 49 Hazardous Moving Violations
- 13 Felony Arrests
- 53 Warrant Arrests

In addition to his arrests, Sgt. Jinkens investigated 39 motor vehicle accidents.

In addition to his normal duties as zone supervisor, Sgt. Jenkins is a member of Troop A's Honor Guard, serves as physical fitness trainer, and is a supervisor of the State Fair detail. Sgt. Jinkens was also honored for his response to an officer in need. On May 28, 2005, Trooper Brandon J. Brashear, Troop A, was involved in a brief pursuit on Interstate 470 near Lee's Summit, MO.

When the suspect stopped his vehicle, he immediately exited and began shooting at Tpr. Brashear, who suffered numerous gunshot wounds and was unable to use his patrol radio. Sgt. Jinkens, who was several miles away, radioed Troop A to obtain a status on Tpr. Brashear. Attempts to contact Tpr. Brashear were unsuccessful. Sgt. Jinkens went to the scene, requested emergency assistance, and assessed Tpr. Brashear's injuries. While waiting

for medical assistance, Sgt. Jinkens initiated first aid. Tpr. Brashear survived his injuries, and has returned to light duty. Sgt. Jinkens' intuition and quick response to a somewhat routine pursuit was critical in the rescue of an officer under his command.

Sgt. Jinkens is recognized as a leader and role model for his tireless work effort and positive attitude toward traffic safety. Congratulations to Sgt. Jinkens for a job well done.



Sgt. Dale O. Jinkens accepted a 2006 LETSAC "Traffic Officer of the Year" Award in May 2006.

Anniversaries

Note: The following employees are marking a notable anniversary of service with the agency.

October

30 years

ACTE Steven D. Gronemeyer,
Troop C

15 years

Chief Jerry L. Goans, Q/CommD
Chief Joseph D. Goans, Q/CommD
DE III Brenda S. Hornecker,
Troop C

10 years

Info. Analyst II Jason R. Buschjost,
Q/CRID
AFIS Entry Oper. III Dana D.
Graham, Q/CRID
CDL Exam. Aud. James K. Hart,
Troop G
Exam. Monitor Karen S. Hohne,
Troop A
CIT III Peggy J. Jennings, Q/ISD

5 years

Tpr. Joseph L. Armistead, Troop F
Tpr. Kenneth A. Baldwin, Troop I
Tpr. Nathan C. Benson, Q/DDCC
DE III Daniel L. Boyd, Troop D
Tpr. Johny L. Ellsworth, Troop C
Tpr. Brent J. Fowler, Troop C
Tpr. Kyle A. Green, Troop F
Tpr. Robert M. Greenan, Troop G
Tpr. Gary E. Gundy, Troop F
Tpr. Travis W. Hilburn, Troop D
Tpr. Dave A. Huffman, Troop E
Tpr. Jonathon P. Lynch, Troop H
Tpr. Jason M. Mattingly, Troop B
Tpr. Donald J. McBride, Troop D

Tpr. Thomas O. Mitchell, Troop F
Tpr. Gregory D. Primm, Troop A
Tpr. Brian N. Raney, Troop H
Tpr. Marcus S. Reynolds, Troop F
Tpr. Phillip G. Sarakas, Troop C
Tpr. Chad W. Walton, Troop B

November

25 years

DE III Margaret M. Willm, Troop C

20 years

DE Sprv. Cheryl K. Hudson, Troop F
Clerk Typist III Wanda A. Hill,
Troop E

15 years

Cpl. Christopher W. Harlan,
Troop B

10 years

Telecom. Kenneth E. Tretter,
Troop C
Radio Personnel Charles E.
Bradley, Troop D
Clerk IV Paula L. Fry, Troop B
Lead Radio Personnel Elizabeth S.
Lenger, Troop A
Radio Personnel Jeremy L.
MacDonnell, Troop D
DE III Lynae E. Maddux, Troop E
Telecom. Debra G. Morton, Troop G
Fingerprint Tech. III Dana L.
Fairchild, Q/CRID

5 years

Director Clifford R. Gronauer,
Q/ISD

RETIREMENTS

Capt. John T. Prine



It is with tremendous gratitude for the many years of service the Missouri State Highway Patrol announces the retirement of 34-year veteran Captain John T. Prine. Capt. Prine leaves the Patrol a better organization as a result of his many years of dedicated service.

Prine was born in Springfield, MO, and attended Lebanon High School in Lebanon, MO. A graduate of Drury University, he dutifully served his country in the United States Marines Corps Reserves from 1971 to 1983, and the Missouri National Guard from 1983 to 1993. He also served in the United States Army Reserves from 1993 to 1996.

He was appointed to the Patrol in 1972, and was assigned to Troop D, Zone 7, McDonald County. Prine transferred to Zone 2, Springfield, and in 1986 was promoted to corporal of that zone. In 1988, Captain Prine accepted a position in the Division Of Drug and Crime Control (DDCC) as an investigator. In 1989, he was promoted to sergeant. Prine was promoted to lieutenant in 1996, and served in Troops D, G, and I until 2002, when he was promoted to captain and designated commanding officer of Troop D.

Captain Prine has served the Patrol with dignity and distinction for 34 years. He intends to spend his retirement in the company of his wife, Robbie, and friends traveling from the Rockies of Colorado to the coasts of Mexico. He also has two granddaughters who will keep his interest for years to come.

Capt. Christian T. Ricks



On May 2, 1971, 22-year-old Christian T. Ricks walked through the doors of the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy. His class, the Patrol's 40th Recruit Class, would be the first to graduate from the new facility.

"I remember in those days, we had one roommate the entire time we were there. Mine was Terry Gates, who is now a sheriff. The place was so new, when they had us clean something for punishment, it was already clean. The instructors I remember are Paul Corbin and Roy Bergmen. They worked with the class the most. Mike Mulholland was the person I was closest to in my recruit class."

On October 15, 1971, Chris became Trooper C.T. Ricks.

"Since we were the first class trained in the present Academy, there were a lot of things to work out. But, I remember graduation took place in the gym. It seemed to me that all the seats were full. We didn't know we were the 40th Recruit Class. They weren't numbered then. Mike finished first in the class and I finished second. In those days, the class chaplain was also the person who spoke at the recruit banquet the night before graduation. Our recruit banquet took place in the cafeteria.

I remember we didn't get our assignments until the week before [graduation] and didn't get our living

assignments until after graduation. That afternoon, we [Garris, Julien, Kelly, Lay, Pelker, Smith, and myself] drove to Troop C and spoke to Capt. Dolan. We met with him in the conference room, and he gave us our zone assignments. I was the only one who didn't go to St. Louis County.

I was in Zone 5, which was Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve counties. Herman Ellenberger was the sergeant, and Bob North was the corporal. I lived in Festus. Back then, when they assigned you to a town, you had to live there.

Trooper Lloyd Vitt was my "break in" officer. We started on midnights—10 p.m. to 7 a.m.—for the first four weeks. I didn't have much of a chance to meet the others in the zone. I rode with Vitt for two weeks and then started driving on my own. There was no set FTO program. When they thought you were OK to drive, you did.

In February, my class was brought back for in-service as a class, since we were recently graduated. I'd worked over 70 traffic crashes. Some of my classmates hadn't worked 10.

After six weeks on the road, we went to the December troop meeting. They gave me Herman Barr's car, and had put my number on top. We (Garris and I) were given our cars at the December troop meeting and told not to drive them yet. The next day, Sgt. Ellenberger called me and said he didn't care what the captain said, to get in my car. So, that was the end of my break in time."

In 1973, opportunity knocked, resulting in a transfer to General Headquarters for Trooper Ricks. He joined the Criminal Division's Intelligence and Investigation Section, as a member of the Executive Security Unit.

"During my last shift on the road before I moved to the Executive Security Unit, I worked a fatal accident at the Pevely exit on Interstate 55. I remember I had to get reports done that night, because I was going to leave the next day.

I made corporal while in the Executive Security Unit. In 1978, I gave up

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rank and went back on the road in Warren County.

I met my wife at church camp. We were both counselors. We met in July 1978, at the camp and were married August 4, 1979. Up until this year, we continued to go to that church camp, where I was director and she was a counselor. Our daughter, Andrea, continues the tradition by being a counselor this year.

In 1981, when Gov. Bond came into office, Hap Maddox called me and asked me if I was interested in returning. His intention was that I would take over the detail when Walt Ruegg moved to Auto Theft. So, I came. I was promoted to corporal June 1981, and made sergeant July 1983.

It was easy to run the detail under Governor Bond. I was there for Bond's second term and all of Gov. Ashcroft's first term. I made lieutenant in 1988, while I was the director of Governor's Security. I was director of the division as a corporal, sergeant, and lieutenant.

In 1989, Col. Fisher asked if I would go to Personnel and work on the sergeant's promotional system. It was going to be a six-month assignment. Five and 1/2 years later, I got to go to the Academy as an assistant director.

I taught report writing, Missouri history, obstacles to communication, and manuscript writing to recruits. I taught in the other schools offered as well. I enjoyed my entire time at the Academy. You got to see the young people come into the agency, and deal with them on a regular basis. In the years I was there we had five or six recruit classes.

Major Larry White asked me one day if I'd stop by his office. I went by to see him and he discussed with me if I'd be interested in moving to the Public Information and Education Division. I talked to Capt. Jim Watson and he seemed like the type of person I'd enjoy working with. I told Major White I was interested and they transferred me down to PIED on January 1, 1998.

Jim always told me he was going to retire in two years or after his next butt

chewing. In April 2000, he retired and I became director of PIED. It's a totally different working environment than the Academy. It's more of a team operation than a command position. One of the true joys of working in PIED has been my connection with Special Olympics and the people of Special Olympics. I do enjoy working with the media. I've always thought there has to be somebody both the media can trust and the troopers can trust. I hope I've lived up to those expectations."

Chris retired August 1, 2006. "I want to do something, but I don't want to have another 40-hour-a week job if I can avoid it. I want to be able to play golf when I want to. My son, Scott, plays football for UMR, and I'd like to go to as many of his home and away games as possible. My daughter, Andrea, teaches first grade in Sedalia, MO. My wife, Bonnie, works for the Dept. of Health and Senior Services."

Chief DE Connie H. Kreutz



Chief Driver Examiner Connie H. Kreutz was born and raised in the St. Elizabeth, MO, community. She graduated from St. Elizabeth High School and immediately started to work for the Patrol in the Troop F office on May 21, 1973. While working in the office, Connie entered traffic tickets and was in charge of the troop's time accounting.

On October 1, 1978, Connie became the third female civilian to work in the

Troop F Driver Examination Division. She was promoted to Supervisor I in October 1989; Supervisor II in December 1990; and to chief in April 1995.

Connie and her husband, Martin, have two sons and one grandson. Connie is active in her church, St. Andrews, in Holts Summit, MO. She enjoys her grandson, family gatherings, and collecting light houses. Connie and Martin have become avid travelers, riding their Harley motorcycle to scenic places.

After 33 years of service to the Patrol, her family at Troop F wishes Connie and Martin lots of sunshine to enjoy their "Harley days". Be safe, Connie.

Video Prod. Spec. II Margaret K. Gooch



Sometimes it's hard to say "good-bye". But, that's what I did on July 27, 2006, my last day of work in the Training Division of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. It's been a terrific 18 years. I'll miss the many people I've worked with. The work was always interesting and challenging, from meeting and working with three governors, to going up in our Patrol planes and helicopters, to working state conferences, videotaping recruit classes, creating training tapes and public service announcements, to keeping the Training Division's classroom equipment working. In addition to working in the now "MultiMedia Unit", I've been the Train-

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— Gooch

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ing Division's reporter for several years, and it feels strange to be writing my own retirement article. But, here I go.

I came to the Highway Patrol in November 1987. I had 17 prior years with state government at the Missouri Division of Employment Security, also in their Training Division. State government was just beginning to regularly use audio/video equipment for training. I'll never forget when I was driving up the Patrol's long driveway to my interview for this job. Every officer who passed me in his or her patrol car coming down the hill waved at me.

I thought: "This is a *really* friendly place!"

It was scary switching horses mid-stream in my career, and I took a substantial cut in pay. But, I've never regretted the decision to work for the Patrol. I truly believe in their mission. I was originally hired with a coworker under a Highway Safety grant to produce roll-call training tapes to disseminate to law enforcement departments throughout the state. We were the beginning of the Patrol's Audio-Visual Section, and the rest as they say, is history!

How many people can say they have kept every planning calendar for every year they have worked at their job? I kept my Patrol calendars in a big binder on my desk. I only need to flip through them to see a timeline of my career. From my first coworker, Mitch Moser, who left in 1991 to accept a job with Ohio State University, to my second coworker, Devon Gallogly, who left in 1994 to pursue his dream of being a cinematographer, to Jeff Bassinson, who started as a temporary employee and was hired permanently—I've worked with three creative and talented individuals who brought their unique styles to the job we do. In my years of working with audio/video equipment, I've seen technology move from large, heavy equipment, to cameras and recorders that can fit in your hand, and a roomful of editing equipment that can now fit on a single desk. Computeriza-

tion has changed the way we all work.

So, I can say it's with mixed feelings that I leave all of that behind. Now, this former Hungarian immigrant who landed in Jefferson City in 1951, learned English in school, earned her citizenship in 1963, graduated from Helias High School, attended Lincoln University, and is forever a student of life, can now go on to her *next* career. ("Would you like a cart, madam?")

I'm married to Wilbur W. (Bill) Gooch, who is chief administrator of Missouri Vocational Enterprises. We have two lovely daughters. Katie Gooch is a student, and Amy Pierce is a senior scientist at the State Health Laboratory. Amy is married to Tony Pierce, a science teacher at Jefferson City High School. My father passed away in 1991, and my oldest brother in 2002. Having no extended relatives in the United States, it was at those times when I realized how much it meant to me that the Patrol treated me as "family". I'll keep busy with my elderly mother to watch over, and two brothers and a sister to spend time with, along with several nieces and nephews.

I look forward to reading, artwork, some traveling, and keeping in touch with friends. Anyone who cares to drop me a line—I'd be happy to hear from you. My email address is: nutmeg_50@earthlink.net

DE Sprv. Jon R. Rodgers



Driver examiner Jon R. Rodgers retired September 1, 2006, after more than 33 years of dedicated service.

Jon joined the Patrol in April 1973, and has enjoyed every day of his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He started his career with the Patrol as a driver examiner at the North Grand Station in St. Louis, where he worked for two and a half years. On December 1, 1975, he was transferred to the South Kingshighway Station and worked there for 13 years. In January 1988, Jon moved to the Deer Creek Station. In 1991, he left the Deer Creek Station and was assigned to the South Zone where he was promoted to supervisor.

Jon was born in Bonne Terre, MO, and graduated from St. Francis County Central High School. After high school, he attended and graduated Mineral Area Community College with an associate's degree. On November 25, 2000, Jon Rodgers married Andrea Underwood. Jon and Andrea live in Park Hills.

After his retirement, Jon plans to work part-time and do a lot of traveling and reading. (I think the plan is to have Andrea do the driving and Jon will be doing the reading!) Jon is very proud of the work he has accomplished in the past 33 plus years with the Patrol.

"The hardest part about retirement is not seeing all the great friends you make over the years," Jon said.

Thanks for all the dedicated years of service you have provided to the Patrol. We wish you and your family a long and happy retirement! Congratulations and good luck!

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| November 23 | ● Thanksgiving |

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Fis. & Budg. Analyst III Carol J. Feltrop



On his last day of work, retired Sergeant Bob Shirley told me, "Someday, you'll get old and retire, too." As usual, he was right. Here I am—in the retirement section of the *Patrol News*.

Before coming to the Patrol, I worked at Von Hoffman Press for 14 years and at Farm Bureau for two years.

November 22, 1982, was my first day of work for the Patrol. Over the past 23 plus years, I've worked in Traffic, Personnel, Supply, Budget, and Motor Equipment. My favorite aspect of working in the positions I've held is I got to know and work with so many people in all the troops and GHQ divisions. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with all of you. I want to take this last opportunity to say "thank you" for all your cooperation over the years, and for your friendship.

My husband, Bill, and I live in Rich Fountain, MO. We have two children. Our son, Eddie, and his family live in Derby, KS. Our daughter, Melissa, and her family live in Rich Fountain, MO. We've also been blessed with seven wonderful grandchildren.

After working full time for 40 years, my husband and I plan to just play and have fun for the next 40! Grandchildren, motorcycling, camping, traveling, fishing, and gardening should keep us busy for a while.

It's been an honor and a privilege working for the Patrol all these years, and I'm a little sad to say good-bye. But, I am looking forward to new adventures. I wish all of you the very best.

Editor's Note: Carol wrote the above article before she retired. We thank her for the article and her many years of service. Carol, we will all miss you and appreciate all you have done.

Info. Analyst Sprv. Kenneth "Kenny" W. Hammond



On June 1, 2006, after 31 years of service, Information Analyst Supervisor Kenneth "Kenny" W. Hammond, with the Motor Vehicle Bureau within the Division of Drug and Crime Control, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Kenny began his career with the Patrol on June 1, 1975, as a terminal technician at the Motor Vehicle Bureau (MVB) in the Jefferson Building in Jefferson City. In 1980, he was promoted to assistant supervisor of MVB.

In 1983, the Motor Vehicle Bureau relocated to the second floor of the Harry S. Truman Building. In 1985, Kenny spent a short time assigned to the Auto Theft Section at General Headquarters. Later that year, he was promoted to terminal technician supervisor and returned as supervisor of the Motor Vehicle Bureau. In 1987, MVB moved to the third floor of the Truman Building. In 2000, Kenny was reclassi-

fied to a crime information analyst. In 2001, the Motor Vehicle Bureau moved to its present location on the fourth floor of the Truman Building. In May 2006, Kenny was reclassified to an information analyst supervisor. At the time of his retirement, Kenny supervised seven employees within the Motor Vehicle Bureau. His expertise in motor vehicle rules and regulations was sought by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.

Kenny grew up in Brazito, MO. He and his wife still reside in the Brazito area. He was married to Barbara Kempker on July 13, 1974. They have three children: Jason, Laura, and April, along with four granddaughters: Chelsea, Megan, Paige, and Emma.

A retirement reception was held on May 30, 2006, at the Truman Building in Jefferson City. A large number of friends, co-workers, and family members attended to wish Kenny a happy retirement. Kenny is planning on working a part-time job as well as working on his farm. He also plans on spending a lot of time with his granddaughters.

All of us here at the Patrol wish Kenny the very best retirement. We thank him for his many years of service to the Patrol. He will be sorely missed.

Let's Eat!

All retirees of the Patrol (and spouses/significant others!) are invited to gather for lunch at the Central United Church of Christ, 218 W. Ashley Street, Jefferson City, for a luncheon. We're having turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings, including dessert. Lunch is scheduled for December 7, 2006. Cost per person is \$8. Reservations required. Forward your check to L.D. Long, 12479 County Road 4039, Holts Summit, MO 65043.

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Info. Analyst II Nelson L. Howard Jr.



On June 1, 2006, after more than 33 years of service, Information Analyst II Nelson L. Howard Jr., with the Motor Vehicle Bureau within the Division of Drug and Crime Control, retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Nelson began his career with the Patrol on March 27, 1973, as a terminal technician in the Motor Vehicle Bureau (MVB) in the Jefferson Building, in Jefferson City. Prior to joining the Patrol, Nelson spent three years in the military from October 1969 to October 1972.

In 1983, the Motor Vehicle Bureau relocated to the second floor of the Harry S. Truman Building. In 1987, MVB moved to the third floor of the Truman Building. In 2000, Nelson was reclassified as an Information Analyst II. In 2001, the Motor Vehicle Bureau moved to its present location on the fourth floor of the Truman Building. Nelson spent his entire career with the Motor Vehicle Bureau. Nelson was very knowledgeable in stolen vehicle recognition and helped train new personnel. He also was acting supervisor when the supervisor was out of the office.

Nelson grew up in Russellville, MO. He and his wife still reside in the Russellville area. He was married to Rebecca (Becky) Lock in Germany on April 8, 1971. They have three children: Jamie, Adam, and Bradley, along with one granddaughter: Emma.

A retirement reception was held on May 31, 2006. Family, friends, and co-

workers joined together to wish him a very happy retirement. Nelson is planning on working on his small farm and spending lots of time with his wife, family, and granddaughter. Becky also retired on June 1, 2006, from the Motor Carrier Services of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

All of us here at the Patrol, wish Nelson the very best retirement. We thank him for his many years of service to the Patrol. He will be sorely missed.

Clerk Typist III Connie J. Depue



Clerk Typist III Connie J. Depue retired on September 1, 2006, after 18 years of service at Troop A. Connie began her career on February 22, 1988, as a Clerk Typist II. She was promoted to Clerk Typist III in February 1990.

Connie was born in Pittsburg, KS, a couple of years ago. She graduated

from McCune Rural High School in McCune, KS, in 1962. Connie and Bob have been married over 42 years and have three children: Michele Jeske, Chris Depue, and Cindy Depue. They also have three grandchildren: Emily, 9, Keaton, 7, and Connor, 5.

Connie's previous employment included four years of clerical work at Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS, seven years as a teacher's aid in the New Franklin School District in New Franklin, MO, and two years of clerical work at the Unity School of Christianity in Unity Village, MO.

Connie was honored with a retirement party on August 31, 2006—her final day at Troop A. Connie, a collector of Fenton art glass, received two Fenton baskets from the civilian personnel along with the other fine gifts one receives when they retire.

Connie and Bob love to travel and are looking for a good camper to take on road trips to get away or go "antiquing". Connie said what she's looking forward to the most is just spending time with her grandchildren, dancing, and just enjoying being retired.

Connie said she has met and worked with a lot of good people during her 18 years with the Patrol. She wishes nothing but the best to those she's leaving behind at Troop A. Everyone at Troop A wants to thank her for the 18 years of dedicated service to the Patrol. We wish Connie and Bob the best of luck as they begin yet another adventure in this journey we call "life".



Araya Kahler, 11 months, is seen sitting on Radio Personnel Jennifer L. Patton's lap. Araya is Trooper Amanda J. Kahler's niece. The training program for radio starts early.

Patrol History Trivia

50 years ago

On September 19, 1956, about 10:30 a.m., Trooper Gene Tinnin was on duty on Route 66. He had been called out to cover Route 66, because Sgt. Claud Arnold had been assigned to assist the Highway Department crew on a secondary highway.

Tpr. Tinnin was about 13 miles east of Lebanon in Leclde County when he started down a hill near the Gasconade River. A car was trying to pass a truck as Tpr. Tinnin's patrol car approached. He turned around quickly, passed the truck, and stopped the Chevy at the top of the hill near Rock Ridge Service Station. A driver and a passenger were in the stopped car.

After stopping, the driver got out and came to the rear of his car. He was obviously nervous, as many drivers are when stopped. The driver appeared fairly normal otherwise.

"I asked him for his driver's license and papers on the car," said retired Capt. Gene Tinnin. "He returned and got a gun (a 32-caliber Colt revolver), and as he approached me a voice yelled, 'Look out, he's got a gun!' But, the warning was too late."

The passenger in the car, a man by the last name of Wright, was the person who'd yelled. "He was a hitchhiker, a kind of hobo, traveling across the country," said Gene. "But, he was good hearted ..."

"The driver approached me muttering and saying something about the 'G D' police as the revolver was pointed at my midsection. I knew he was going to pull that trigger, so I struck the gun down with my left hand. The gun went off and the 'dirt bag' jerked back and fired ... fired two more times," explains Gene. "I staggered to the right and was falling toward the roadside ditch when he fired the fourth time, striking my neck from left to right—passing clear through. It barely missed my spine."

The first shot went through Gene's left leg above the knee and exited out the back side of the knee. The second and third bullets hit the ammo pouch on

his belt, and entered above his hip bone, lodging near his spine, respectively.

"Wright yelled at the driver, 'Oh my God, man, what are you doing?' He got out of the car and came to me to assist me. The driver ran back to his car and drove off. I recovered enough from falling to empty all six bullets from my 38-caliber Smith and Wesson revolver. I hit the trunk once as the car drove away.

I asked Wright if he could drive. I didn't know how badly I was hurt—I might pass out. He went around and got behind the wheel and I got into the passenger side. I remember now my thoughts were, 'If Wright could drive well enough and overtake that Chevrolet I'd shoot that driver with my 351 Winchester semi-automatic rifle.' We had difficulty getting the car started. His foot was going up and down fast on the accelerator and it flooded. I reached over and pushed his knee down to keep it steady on the accelerator and it started. He killed it when he put it in gear to go, and had to restart it. When we just went over the next rise about .2 of a mile, we saw the Chevrolet had wrecked in some construction ... where they were cutting through for Interstate 44."

The driver was gone, out in the woods, but still in the area. Gene said it was dry and hot that day. He then got on the radio and told Troop I Headquarters what happened, and told them he was on the way to the hospital.

"In about a 1/2 mile, I decided Wright couldn't drive, and he might kill both of us before we got to the hospital. So, I had him pull into Brownie Truck Stop. I told him to get out and stand there ... to wait for a uniformed officer," said Gene. "Bill Waggoner was an attendant at the truck stop when we stopped. I hollered for him to come drive me to the hospital.

We got to the RR tracks in Lebanon and there was a switch engine on the tracks. I opened the door and stepped out to wave him out of the way. Rolla called the hospital and two doctors while we were en route. I walked into the hos-



Retired Captain Gene Tinnin

pital on my own. Dr. Jenkins was down the hall and asked where the patient was. I started to take off my shirt and he saw the blood running down from my neck. They gave me first aid. They worried about the shot through my neck."

Someone called Norma, his wife, who worked about a block away from the hospital. She came, as did their minister. It was decided to transfer Gene to Burge Hospital in Springfield to see Dr. Song.

"My regular doctor was Dr. Sneed. The doctors assigned an LPN to me around the clock. One doctor told me that several hours later, about 5 o'clock, they were looking for a pulse and heart beat ... but they pulled me out of it.

I told Dr. Sneed, 'That bullet feels like a softball in my back.' He told me not to worry, they would take it out the next morning. I told him to save it for me ... for evidence.

Ronald Westberg, 20, of Chicago was the criminal. I'd noticed an L-O-V-E tattoo across his fingers. After he wrecked that Chevy, he started across country on foot ... went through cliffs, briar patches, barbed wire, fields, etc. The Patrol and National Guard had planes up looking for him, and a couple of officers brought blood hounds and tracked him through the woods. Westberg came out on the road at Falcon, MO, and Tpr. Bud Jones was flying the plane right there. Another trooper

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in the plane was shooting at Westberg when he came out of the woods and he threw rocks at the plane.

Ross Kilgore, a desk sergeant from Rolla, was parked along the road and saw Westberg. He yelled at Westberg to run ... was hoping he'd try to get away. But, he didn't run. Kilgore didn't shoot him. That was about sundown the day I got shot.

I spent 16 days in the hospital. The worst of the injuries —neck shot, side shot, and leg shot—was near the knee. I told the doctor it itched and it was sore where the bullet went through. He took a look there and found a little bit of cloth the bullet had taken through. There were a bunch of strings. in the back of my knee."

Norma stayed with a trooper and his wife while Gene was in the hospital. The shooting happened in September, but the trial didn't begin until January. While he was in jail, Westberg tried to

get a car thief to jump the sheriff, so he could escape. The thief told him the sheriff was a friend of his, and he'd turn on Westberg if he tried anything.

"At the trial, he told his attorney it was an accident that he shot me four times. The jury didn't believe it though. They had a little difficulty deciding on a sentence. I asked a juror why they had come up with just 25 years. He told me he wanted to give the man 60 years, but one of the other jurors wanted to give him only two years!"

Westberg was sent to the penitentiary. After a short period of time, he attempted to escape with part of the crew who started the 1954 penitentiary riot.

"They were going to jump the guards, but the guards got word of it and came down with shotguns. They shot two of the convicts with buckshot — went through the right lung of both ... Westberg gave up. He got an additional 10 years for that. A couple of years later, he tried another escape and got another five years added on. Then,

a few years later, Westberg killed his cellmate—stabbed him to death. He was mean ... evil. He got fifteen more years for that. A little while after that he hung himself.

Jack Waters was a desk sergeant and called me at home one morning. I was the safety officer for the troop. He said, 'Gene I have some good news for you ...' I told him I could take some good news. He said, 'Westberg killed himself.' I was quiet for a minute, so he asked wasn't I happy about that? I told him no, not really ... it was still a human life.

I found out later Westberg had been in trouble since he was 13. The night before he shot me, he'd killed a young cousin ... shot him in the head while they were playing hide-n-go seek ... then he shot me four times. That left one bullet in his gun. He could have finished me off, but I think Wright startled him when he yelled, so Westberg didn't fire the last one.

~ Retired Captain Gene Tinnin

Association Recognizes Patrol's TAS/DWITS

By Captain Bradley W. Jones, Q/TFD

Each year, the National Safety Council's Association of Transportation Safety Information Professionals (ATSIP) recognizes an exemplary state or federal project intended to improve the timeliness, accuracy, or accessibility of traffic safety data with a Best Practices Award. They also look for projects that are good examples of implementation of new technology, or which demonstrate the use of traffic safety data in problem identification, project management, or project evaluation. ATSIP recently presented the Patrol with their annual Best Practice Award for the Missouri Traffic Arrest System/DWI Tracking System (TAS/DWITS).

TAS/DWITS replaced the Traffic Arrest System/Alcohol and Drug Offense Records System (TAS/ADORS) in February 2005. The system improved upon ADORS by being a web-



ATSIP Board Member Robert Rasmussen presented a "Best Practices" award to Mr. Ronald G. Beck, Q/ISD, (center) and Captain Bradley W. Jones, Q/TFD, (right) at the 2006 Traffic Records Forum held in Palm Desert, CA.

based, computerized database of alcohol-related driving offenses. The new system included more detailed information than ADORS, such as arrest information, prosecutorial actions, and court dispositions. It is an automated system

available statewide to authenticated criminal justice personnel and agencies, and was made possible by a grant from the Highway Safety Division of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Patrol Attends Missouri Boys State

By Sgt. Daniel S. Bracker, Troop D

Another American Legion Missouri Boys State has proven successful with the assistance of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Yearly, young men entering into their senior year of high school are sponsored by a local Legion post to attend Boys State and participate in promoting democracy, citizenship, and leadership training. Sergeant Daniel S. Bracker and Corporal Jason M. Pace, along with Sergeant Sheldon A. Lyon, the dean of the Law Enforcement School at Boys State, participated in this year's week-long event.

The Patrol teaches a course covering several areas of law enforcement, including: search and seizure, safe driving, Patrol history, technology on patrol, homicide investigation, and motorcycle safety. Recruiting also plays a big part in the Patrol's participation at Boys State. Remember: Boys State attendees are some of the most prominent young men in the state. If they could be influenced toward joining the Patrol in the future, then we as an organization are better served.

This year, approximately 985 young men from around the state attended Boys State. Two hundred chose to attend the Law Enforcement School.

Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft visited Boys State this summer.



Apart from teaching the lessons mentioned above, Dan, Jason, and Sheldon were tasked with interviewing and selecting applicants for troopers while also providing constant oversight, instruction, and direction for all law enforcement including sheriffs, deputies, and city police.

"These young men sure have a lot of energy. They are willing to enforce all the laws, but use great discipline and discretion," said Sgt. Lyon.

The Troop A SERT, along with their canine unit, provided a great demonstration as to the responsibilities and duties of their unit. Corporal Bruce

Houston with the JTTF provided the young men of Boys State with information regarding the intricacies of homicide investigation. Some of the speakers present during the 2006 session of Boys State were:

- Missouri Governor Matt Blunt,
- Missouri Supreme Court Judge Duane Benton,
- Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon,
- Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan,
- U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof,
- Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft, and,
- U.S. Navy SEAL Eric Greitens.

Boys State not only gives young men across the state the opportunity to participate in government and forums that educate and promote leaders, it also allows troopers to shape the views of these young men in an atmosphere conducive to learning and leading. The Missouri State Highway Patrol is proud to participate in Missouri Boys State and looks forward to continuing its role in the character building of our young men in Missouri.



Cpl. Jason Pace speaks with Boys State attendees.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Shaminie Athinarayanan
Criminalist I
Q/CLD



Cynthia L. Baker
Clerk Typist I
Q/MVI



Randa N. Bailey
Clerk Typist I
Troop A



Kyle W. Comer
UCR Trainer/QA Aud.
Q/CRID



Richard F. DeVoto
DE I
Troop E



Cody J. Fender
Auto. Tech. I
Troop A



Janene A. George
DE I
Troop D



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Q/CLD



Pamela M. Johnson
Criminalist Sprv.
Q/CLD



Christine M. Laughlin
Fiscal and Budg. Sprv.
Q/BPD



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Criminalist I
Q/CLD



Tammy S. Mahaney
Clerk Typist III
Troop F



Cynthia L. Martin
Clerk Typist III
Q/HRD



Amie J. Nix
Criminalist I
Q/CLD



Kerry E. Patterson
Clerk Typist II
Q/DDCC

NEW EMPLOYEES



Lowell R. Perrigo
Housekeeper I
Troop F



Karen Radmacher
Info. Analyst I
Q/DDCC



Rachel L. Scott
Lab. Evid. Tech. I
Q/CLD



Joanna D. Sides
Criminalist I
Q/CLD



Carla J. Siebeneck
Account Clerk III
Q/CRID



Kristie D. Tipton
DE Clerk I
Troop E



Rhonda L. Zeilinger
Lab. Rec. & Evid. Clerk II
Q/CLD

Otto Pops The Question At State Fair

By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B

Over the past several decades, “Otto—the Talking Car” has entertained attendees of the Missouri State Fair. Although “Otto” shares many serious safety messages, including ones about seat belts and child restraint seats, he also enjoys having fun by joking with the many spectators who come to see him. From time to time, “Otto” receives different requests ranging from singing a particular song to posing for photographs. During the 2006 fair, Missouri Department of Transportation employee (Division of Highway Safety) Randy Silvey made a request that “Otto” help his son, Chris, ask his girlfriend (Katie) to marry him. The stage was set, and when Chris and Katie came to visit, Otto “engaged” the couple in a quick game of “Otto Says”. After a few challenges, Otto had Chris take a knee and ask Katie to marry him. Chris produced a nice diamond ring and in front of many spectators made his proposal! Of course, Katie accepted. Otto did offer to perform the wedding ceremony, but the couple said they were going to take a more traditional route.



Chris Silvey proposed to his girlfriend, Katie, with Otto’s help as Cpl. Al P. Nothum applauded.

Patrol, Special Olympics Partnership Continues

By Lt. Elbert Marshall, Q/PSD

2006 marked another outstanding and successful year of partnership between the Special Olympics Missouri and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.



Cpl. Bradley D. Ream, Troop B, shakes hands with the winning athletes.

For over 20 years, the Patrol has partnered with Special Olympics Missouri in an effort to organize profitable fund-raising events to assist Missouri athletes in their quest to be the best they can ... in a chosen sport that is both challenging and rewarding. On May 25, 2006, members as well as civilian employees of the Patrol arrived in Columbia, MO, with the purpose of assisting and encouraging the Special Olympics athletes who had converged on the University of

Missouri campus to compete in various games. Members of the Patrol also assisted in distributing the hard earned



Lt. Elbert Marshall, Q/PSD, congratulates an athlete.

medals to the successful athletes, who never ceased to say thank you with a big smile.

What A Send Off!



CVO Steven Wilmesherr, Troop C, accompanied his son, Jason, who competed.



Officers from multiple departments were present to say "good luck" to Special Olympics Team Missouri!

Supporters held banners like this one, waved, and cheered. Special Olympics Team Missouri as members boarded charter buses and headed for the national competition in Ames, IA.

How Others See Us ...

... I am sorry I do not have the first name of Trooper Riggs. He and Trooper Kent Brackett have been partners for several years. On Sunday morning, on Interstate 44 just west of Lebanon, we had a flat tire on the left rear of our 2002 Subaru—the first flat I've had in 30 years. I apparently picked up a nail at a gas station. The heavy traffic was extremely dangerous.

Since I have had five heart attacks and two open heart surgeries, I called 9-1-1 (for the first time ever), talked to Lonnie (who was also extremely courteous and efficient), and she sent your troopers to the rescue.

They are to be commended for all the help they gave to us—staying behind us with their lights flashing, protecting us from the heavy traffic, even arranging for a flat bed tow truck and calling Wal-mart, so we could buy new tires. What could have been a long, drawn out Sunday turned out to be a rather pleasant experience and put us on our way back to Michigan with only a minimal delay.

Our sincere thanks to these troopers and to you and your staff for your excellence in their training.

With utmost appreciation,

*Mr. and Mrs. Richard Armstrong
Three Rivers, MI*

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Life is a great big
canvas, and you should
throw all the paint on it
you can.

~ Danny Kaye

DEATH

Jeffery G. Womack



Jeffery G. Womack, 53, of Chaffee, died Monday, July 31, 2006, at his home. He had been Chaffee's police chief for more than two years.

He was born December 24, 1952, in Sikeston, MO, son of Tom Ford and Elizabeth McKibben Womack. He and Marva Morgan married on December 30, 1973, at Parma, MO.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years. Womack was employed with the Missouri State Highway Patrol for 25 years, retiring as a sergeant in 2003. He served with the Jackson Police Department for two years, before moving to Chaffee.

He reorganized the police department after the departure of one chief and one interim chief by delegating responsibility to various officers, something the former chief had not done. Despite this, he also had a hand in regular police duties, such as patrolling.

"He liked to answer some calls personally," said Chaffee's Interim Police Chief Marty Keys.

Womack, who lived about a block away from the police station, walked to work shortly after 5 a.m., Patrolman Jim Backfisch said. The two

would drink coffee, catch up on the previous shift, and watch the news before Womack headed out to local businesses to visit or address complaints.

"I called it his political time," Backfisch said with a laugh. "He loved the people."

Sometimes, Womack would even take his terrier, Wesley, on patrol with him or let him sit up on his desk, Keys said.

Cape Girardeau Coroner John Clifton, a close friend, described Womack as laid back, a man who saw his job a chief as a "kind of fun thing for him to do".

Keys agreed, saying Womack rarely had cross words to say to someone and usually laughed off mistakes. Womack was less concerned with how many arrests were made or tickets handed out, and more focused on finding the best solutions, according to Keys.

"His philosophy was 'Solve The Problem,'" said Keys.

Womack enjoyed model trains, boating, and visiting Kentucky Lake, Clifton said. In Womack's office, Keys pointed out a collection of law enforcement badges and shields the chief had acquired, some of them from departments he served.

Womack is survived by his wife; a son, Jeffery Womack, of Goldsboro, NC; two daughters: Dottie Franklin, of Perryville, and Christina Griffin, of Columbia, SC; eight grandchildren; his parents of Lilbourn, MO; two brothers, Thomas Womack, of Sisters, OR, and Kenneth Womack, of Carlisle, PA.

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Thank You, COPS

By Capt. Ron L. Walker, Q/FOB

As the Missouri State Highway Patrol prepared to honor four officers killed in the line of duty during 2005, we were faced with many challenges to plan the proper recognition of the fallen members and their families. During our planning, we quickly determined one of our greatest resources was COPS Inc., the Concerns of Police Survivors, a nonprofit organization in its 21st year of existence that advocates for and serves the survivors of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The founder and current executive director, Mrs. Suzie Sawyer, guides a full-time staff of eight and oversees a 2.4 million dollar budget at the national headquarters in Camdenton, MO. They focus on providing support and understanding to the families of fallen

officers. COPS is a vital part of "National Police Week", which is held in May each year in Washington D.C.

This year the staff at COPS helped with the arrangements for all of the Patrol surviving families, as well as their Patrol escorts, attending the memorial service and all of the related events. They were instrumental in arranging accommodations for a contingent of officers from Troops C, D, E, and G, where the fallen officers were assigned when they made the ultimate sacrifice. COPS also made arrangements for the assistant director of the Department of Public Safety to attend. There is no doubt the involvement of COPS was vital to our recognition of our fallen officers. We hope the services of COPS are never needed again, but we are also confident they will continue to be there for families when the need arises.

To that organization, it's employees, and its many volunteers, members of the Missouri State Highway Patrol extend their heartfelt appreciation.

Thank You

On behalf of the Libbert family, we would like to extend our appreciation for the many kind words of sympathy, cards, donations, and to those who attended the visitation and funeral at the loss of our father, father-in-law, and grandfather. Your kindness and friendship were greatly appreciated.

*Auto. Tech. I Leon J. Libbert,
Q/MED,
Fingerprint Sprv. Debbie A. Libbert,
Q/CRID,
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Trevor L.
Libbert, Q/CMD, and
Ms. Kelli A. Libbert.*

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Lois and I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, prayers, words of encouragement, and visits we received during the loss of my mother-in-law, Ms. Dorothy Day. Your thoughtfulness during this sad period in our lives was truly a blessing to us. May God bless each of you for your compassion.

*Lt. Elbert L. Marshall
Q/PSD*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits I received following my hunting accident. I would like to give a special thanks to the troop staff and Zones 2 and 3 for the assistance they provided my family in our time of need. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*Sergeant Mike Carson and family,
Troop E*

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I am a recent employee of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and was overwhelmed by the outpouring of concern for me and my family upon the death of my father, Roger Fredericks. I want to thank everyone for their gifts, cards, and calls of kindness and sympathy. They are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

*Lab. Recs. & Evid. Control Clerk
Rhonda Zeilinger,
Troop E*

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:

Chief DE Dena R. Geist (F) - mother
Sgt. Gregory D. Smith (D) - grandmother
Tpr. Matthew E. Morice (F) - uncle
Fingerprint Tech. III Becky A. Trabue (Q/CRID) - grandmother
Ret. Chief Telecom. Eng. John C. Trabue - mother
Ret. Clerk Typist III Shelba J. Reither - mother
Radio Personnel Michael W. Coy (G) - grandmother
Auto. Tech. I Leon J. Libbert (Q/MED) - father
Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Debra A. Libbert (Q/CRID) - father-in-law
Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. II Trevor L. Libbert (Q/CMD) - grandfather
Tpr. Terry A. Gayer (I) - grandmother
Clerk Typist III Linda K. Klass (A) - father
Sgt. Leo W. Ream (Q/GD) - stepmother
Lt. Elbert L. Marshall (Q/PSD) - mother-in-law
CVO Sprv. I Michael R. Morris (E) - brother

DE Clerk I Kristie D. Tipton (E) - father
Lab. Recs. & Evid. Control Clerk II Rhonda L. Zeilinger (E) - father
Ret. Sgt. George T. Sims - mother-in-law
Cpl. Thomas G. Sims (A) - grandmother
Ret. Tpr. James W. Martin - father
Ret. DE Sprv. Gene Thompson - wife
Clerk Typist III Kathy A. Easter (C) - father-in-law
CIT Spec. III Linda A. Amos (Q/ISD) - father
Ret. Tpr. Merle L. Graham - brother
Ret. Lt. E. Joseph Dayringer - mother
CVO Sprv. I Michael L. Dayringer - grandmother
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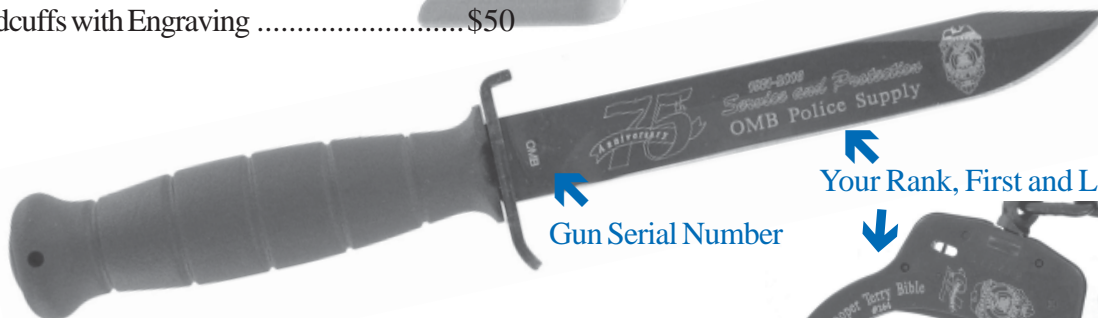
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